



Ecology and Environmental Awareness Committee

**MINUTES
EEAC COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 23, 2012
CITY HALL A/B CONFERENCE ROOM**

ROLL CALL:

Diane Meyer, Chair
Richard Marx Jr
Pamela Fournier
Jeffrey Flotken
Susan Buse
Andrea Maddox-Dallas, Aldermanic Representative

ABSENT:

Peter John Le Blanc
Stan Braude
Alex Bornstein
Maria Massad, Student Representative from Clayton High School

CITY STAFF:

Mike Pratt, Director of Public Works
Daneen Schlereth, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the October 27, 2011 meeting were approved.

Diane introduced Paul Wojciechowski to the committee as the guest speaker on "Gateway Bike Plan: Regional Routes to Sustainability".

Paul gave a brief background on himself; he worked 17 years at Missouri Department of Transportation, then Parson Brinkerhoff, CH2M Hill, and now Alta Planning & Design. Paul informed the committee that Alta's main focus is on bicycle, pedestrian and park design.

Paul informed the committee The Gateway Bike Plan is a result of a collaborative effort between the Great Rivers Greenway District, Missouri Department of Transportation, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, Metro, numerous municipalities, St. Louis and St. Charles counties, City of St. Louis and Trailnet. The Plan will provide a long-term vision for providing a connected system of on road bicycle routes between communities, transit, greenways and trails.

Paul said The Plan was completed in August 2011 and covers St. Louis County, City of St. Louis, and the urbanized communities of St. Charles County and the vision is to have it completed over the next 20 years.

Paul informed the committee that during the 16 month planning process, the development of the Plan included wide-reaching public engagement and involvement, as well as consultation with numerous stakeholders and agencies in the greater St. Louis region.

Paul said the Plan will provide both a coordinated vision for accommodating and encouraging bicycling as a viable transportation mode. Paul said by communities working together and connecting the regions across political boundaries, citizens will have access to one of the larger bicycle networks in the United States. The Plan includes detailed maps as well as strategic actions to achieve the recommended facilities along with education, enforcement and encouragement programs.

Paul advised the committee to implement the Plan; Great Rivers Greenway is continuing to work with the various partners to endorse the Plan within their jurisdictions. Paul said destinations such as transit stations, employment centers; town centers, colleges and universities regional parks, and on-street facilities that connect to trails have been identified.

Paul suggested to the committee when they get a chance to go to the website www.stlbikeplan.com and they will be able to view all of the document maps of the bike routes that are scheduled to be implemented and the routes that are already in place. Paul said when The Gateway Bike Plan is finished it will identify a 1,000 mile bicycle network.

Paul addressed the committee and asked them to be a part of the Plan and if the committee would be willing to be Clayton's Bicyclist Advisory Committee. The committee seemed to be excited about the idea and informed Paul that they would vote on it and get back with him.

Diane asked the committee after Paul if they wanted to vote on it. The committee voted unanimously to participate.

Pam asked if she could briefly discuss with the committee about a presentation she had been to. It was Bringing Conservation Home, sponsored by The St. Louis Audubon Society. She said it was for residents who wanted to bring more native plants to their home, or maybe develop a butterfly garden or rain garden. The cost is \$25 and a group of volunteers will come to your yard and walk with you to find the best locations for certain plants or wear you could develop a garden if you wish.

Pam said after they are done you will receive a comprehensive report on what they talked to you about and what you might want to consider planting. They do not do the work for you or recommend where you can buy the plants. It is a new program and they are looking for residents who might want to plant native plants at their home.

Pam asked if the City could put the web address on the City's website, Mike said shouldn't be a problem. The web address is www.stlouisaudubon.org/BCH/index.php.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, April 26, 2012.**

cc: June Waters, City Clerk